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Constructive summer for Elk Point

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point is experiencing a busy construction season this summer, with the major infrastructure project of a new 24/7 water supply line from St. Paul and the installation of a street and services in the new industrial park expansion as the largest projects. Power lines have now been installed in the first stage of the industrial area, and all is ready for industrial construction to begin.

Work is underway west of town on the water line project, with partial closure of the Armistice Road slated to continue into August as pipes are installed adjacent to the Iron Horse Trail. Trail users are also seeing some new country as they are detoured off that beaten path.

Construction in town includes the replacement of a defective drainage area at the corner of 50 Ave. and 51 St. and the installation of a building-wide cement apron in front of the fire hall, in addition to residential and commercial buildings.

A long-vacant lot at the corner of Main Street and Railway Avenue is the site of a new ambulance headquarters. The neighbouring business, Cal's Hardware Ltd., is in the process of raising a huge storage building behind the RONA building supplies facility.

Residential construction has not been forgotten either, with the first new multi-family residence in some years well underway on the former location of the Christian Community Church, new additions to the Centennial Drive residential area, and housing starts on infill lots in other areas.

With interest shown in industrial and both single and multi-family lots, the construction trend is set to continue.



Vicki Brooker photo

Detour! Water line under construction

Iron Horse Trail users are facing a number of detours in the area between St. Paul and Elk Point, with construction of Elk Point's new 24/7 water supply line underway. This dig, where the trail crosses 54 St., will be the location of a reinforced culvert where lines go under the trail. Story, Page 2.



Vicki Brooker photo

Puddle prevention

With the concrete swale now in place, a work crew took advantage of Wednesday's fine weather to fill in the edges in preparation for paving the former drainage trouble spot at the corner of 51 St. and 50 Ave. that was ill-equipped to handle spring runoff or heavy rainfalls, creating a large water hazard for drivers and pedestrians.

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Not all residents want water line connection

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The speed limit along Hwy 28 near Ashmont is going to be adjusted, thanks to the perseverance of local county councillors.

A request from the county has finally received approval from the Government of Alberta to reduce the speed limit along Hwy 28, near the Hwy 36 intersection, to 80 km/hour, heard County of St. Paul council at last week's public works meeting.

CAO Sheila Kitz said she received a letter from the province stating the change would be made, but it isn't entirely good news for councillors who have been pushing for the change. Coun. Frank Sloan was hoping the change would include the Hwy 36 and Hwy 28 intersection, but it won't.

The change will only be made for a stretch that runs just east of the major Hwy 36 and Hwy 28 intersection, to just east of the school's intersection.

"That's the most that they would give us," said Bryan Bespalko, the safety officer with the county. The province conducted traffic tests in the area and determined the limit did not have to be changed near the major intersection.

Spray Park

The spray park at Westcove was out of order for most of last week after tests results on the water came back positive for bacteria, heard county council at last week's public works meeting.

Public Health closed the park the week prior after two failed water tests, said Bespalko, who had been trying to get the park up and running, but had to order replacement parts for the park.

"It's got to be working," said Sloan of the spray park, later adding, "People are a little excited."

Bespalko told council that the park shouldn't be this hard to run, and said he stayed at the park for a couple hours while kids were playing in the water to understand the problem better. He said he had to manually control the treatment of the water and "it shouldn't be like that."

The park uses recycled water that is treated as it goes through the system. Bespalko said the park worked fine last year, but "something went wrong this year."

The parts arrived later in the week and were successfully installed, said Kitz, after the meeting. While the county was still waiting on test results, the CAO anticipated the

park would reopen Friday, just in time for the long weekend.

"The treatment plant seems to be working great now," said Kitz, later in the week.

Lottie Lake

The county continues to look into issues at the hamlet of Lottie Lake, and is now hauling about five truckloads of water to the area, daily. Based on the number of people who live at Lottie Lake, only two truckloads should be needed per day, which means more than half the water is being lost.

Bespalko said he is considering hiring a diver to check the Lottie Lake reservoir since employees can't pinpoint the problem elsewhere.

CAO Sheila Kitz said council has to consider starting the process required to replace distribution lines in the subdivision and can't "keep throwing water away." The cost to replace the distribution lines is over \$1.3 million, and would be footed by lot owners at about \$10,000 per lot.

The county would front the costs and implement a Local Improvement Tax.

Coun. Maxine Fodness said the first step to being the process would be to hold a public meeting for residents to attend and offer input. Sloan also recommended putting a survey into individual notices that will be sent out to the lot owners, so those who can't attend a public meeting can still have input.

As for the line being constructed from Ashmont to Lottie Lake, work is progressing, and the line should be complete in October. Pilot testing is also being done before work starts at the Ashmont water treatment plant, said Bespalko.

The government has done its part in funding that project and ensuring the quality of water going to the hamlet, said Sloan.

Connections

Council took time to discuss the number of individual

connections being made along the waterline being installed from St. Paul's water treatment plant to the community of Elk Point, at last week's meeting.

There will be 19 single meter vault connections and one dual meter vault connection along the line. Alberta Transportation approved 90 per cent funding to residents that are adjacent to the water transmission line and have homes along the line.

Residents had to apply for the connection and are responsible for all costs associated with using the water from their property line, said Kitz after the meeting.

"They are required to put in a cistern and pumping to their home. In addition, residents will be charged a service fee once water is flowing through the transmission line, whether they are ready to connect or not."

Water is expected to be running through the line by the end of October.

Not all residents along the line were interested in tying in, said Kitz, but some residents with property along the line but no home were interested. Alberta Transportation will fund two of these because the landowners have dwellings on the next quarter of land.

Residents who qualify for the funded price will pay \$1,800 to connect to the waterline, while residents who don't qualify for the funded price will pay upwards of \$16,500 for the connection, said Kitz.

The county is entitled to 20 per cent of the water that goes through the line, said Reeve Steve Upham at last week's meeting.

Mail

Postal service in Lindbergh has been suspended following the retiring of the postmaster.

"It should resume hopefully," said Coun. Glen Ockerman. Residents' mail is currently being forwarded to Elk Point.

'Wild Wednesday' offers an evening of family-style fun

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and district is invited to take a walk on the wild side this Wednesday evening, as the recreation department, in partnership with Servus Credit Union and the Elk Point Travel Club, presents "Wild Wednesday," an evening of fun for the whole family.

The evening starts off with a barbecue supper at the A. G. Ross Arena grounds, beginning at 5 p.m., with all the proceeds going to the hardworking Travel Club.

After you enjoy your hot dog or hamburger, it's time for the young and young-at-heart to get active in the bouncy houses, located by the water spray park, where you can bounce to your heart's content for only \$5.

As the sun goes down, stake out a good location for your lawn chair or blanket, stock up on popcorn and snacks at the Travel Club concession and sit down to enjoy an outdoor movie. Admission is only \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages five to 17 and children four and under get in free to see "We Bought a Zoo," starring Matt Damon and Scarlett Johansson. This 2011 family drama tells the story of a father who moves his young family to the country to renovate and reopen a struggling zoo.

At press time, Wednesday's weather forecast is for warm and sunny, but if the weatherman fails to deliver, the show will go on - right next door to the planned location, inside the A. G. Ross Arena.

Recreation director Deena Smith is hoping for a much improved attendance for the evening, after a disappointing turnout for the double feature movie at the Arts and Leisure Centre a few weeks ago.

"We want to give families something fun to do right here in Elk Point," she says, adding that she is more than willing to hear ideas from local residents about what they would like to do for recreation in the community.

Smith's planned bus tour to Haying in the '30s was cancelled after only one person signed up, and she is exploring new ways of getting the word out about future tours and events to increase attendance and let residents know that fun times are ahead.

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LARA displays trial plots on 2012 crop tour

By JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Contributor

About 25 people enjoyed a plot tour highlighting canola performance trials and diagnostic demos and cereal and pulse variety trials last Wednesday morning, offered by the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA). This year, LARA ran 12 trials in St. Paul, on canola, peas and the cereals barley, wheat, triticale and oats.

Jenn Walker, a research officer with Alberta Pulse Growers, was the first speaker to lead the crowd gathered at the St. Paul Municipal Seed Cleaning Plant. She spoke about LARA's pea trials, saying she was excited to answer questions about peas and pulses, particularly since she hadn't seen a lot of pea fields during her drive to St. Paul from Leduc.

Right now, it's an exciting time for the organization, as Alberta has just hit "a million acres of peas in the province." That gives the crop a little more attention and the Alberta Pulse Growers a little more "clout," she said.

Another growing area of interest is fava beans, she said, adding that there's about 5,000 acres of fava beans in the province, which is increasingly being shipped to places like north

Africa and Saudi Arabia for human consumption.

She then moved on to talking about the crops seeded by LARA, which included a trial of pea crops mixed with silage. Walker said she does employ this method at home, but it is still a rare practice. The benefits include the cereals' root depth, which extends further than the peas, giving the peas more ability to access moisture. The cereals also hold the beans up and provide a canopy for them, she said, adding there "all sorts of benefits to interspecies mixture." It does take a little finesse to plant this way, but all it takes is a little starter and allowing the growth to go, she said, adding, "You get a beautiful silage mix."

Walker spent some time discussing plant diseases, such as ascochyta, which appears as little brown spots on the stem just before the plant flowers. If the weather conditions are hot and dry, it is likely that the situation would take care of itself, but if the canopy is thick and wet, allowing for little air movement, ascochyta is more likely to develop, leading to the plants losing their stem strength and falling over, she said. She gave people a scoring sheet to know when to spray to give their plants protection against the disease, noting there is often unnecessary spraying that

takes place. People should check for things such as soil wetness at noon, the percentage of plants affected and the future weather conditions, among other things before deciding to spray, she said, adding the scoring sheet is available on the Alberta Pulse Growers' website.

Other diseases she mentioned include downy mildew, which can be seen at the bottom of leaves. However, this problem generally doesn't affect yields, and if it is hot in July, it usually resolves on its own.

Fusarium was another problem, but it was usually taken care of by seed treatment. "It's really, really easy to tell," she said, adding that if a person pulls the plant out and sees the root looking bright pink, it's a clear tell of fusarium. There is nothing to do about the problem, but she suggested if people do see this problem, they should rotate away from

peas for awhile. Good crop reduction usually takes care of most diseases, she said.

This year, there has been "really low disease pres-

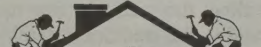
sure" because of increased wetness in the province, she said. If some crops look yellow, or if the stem has gone brown, it may not be dis-

eased but simply overwatered, she said, adding, "Peas need water, but they need good drainage."

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Bright yellow canola blossoms thrive in the test plots as farmers check out the progress of different varieties.



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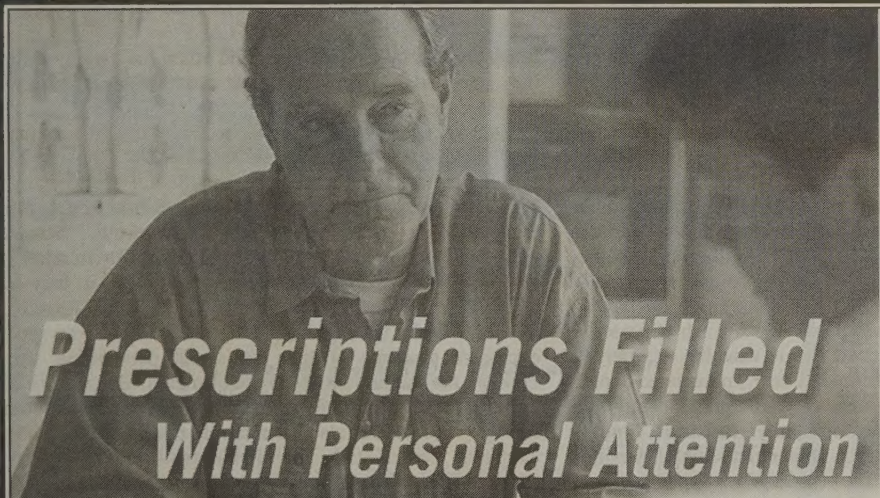
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Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Chris Letawsky

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- The anticoagulant, warfarin, (popularly known as a "blood thinner"), has many drug and food interactions. For example, leafy green vegetables contain vitamin K which can work against the warfarin. However, this doesn't mean cutting these foods out of your diet totally. Just be consistent with the amount you consume daily and your warfarin dose will be adjusted accordingly.
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Poor sports

You would think that world-class athletes would be above such tactics, but eight badminton players were disqualified at the Summer Olympics for throwing games so they could get into another, presumably easier, level of competition.

What kind of example is that setting for young athletes across the world? We all strive to teach our youth good sportsmanship, and that is the exact opposite.

The statement, "Go hard or go home," comes to mind, and they have been sent home, where poor sports belong.

Way Back When...

Whitney camping, Fidler reunion

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND THE ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 7 IN...

1987

Briefs presented by Ed Gregoraschuk of Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, Margaret Modin for the Elk Point Red Cross, Liz White of Heinsburg, Dewberry teacher Deborah Grey and Orville Janz of Whitney Lake Bible Camp brought both an apology and a commitment from Recreation and Parks Minister Norm Weiss, who assured the petitioners at a meeting in Heinsburg that overnight camping would be reinstated at Whitney Lake by the following summer. Elk Point racewalker Janice McCaffrey was named to the 62-member Canadian team for the World Track and Field Championships in Rome, Italy.

1992

The Fort George and Buckingham House Bicentennial celebrations were declared "an unequalled success" by Bicentennial coordinator Billie Milholland, who said the Artisans' Festival brought over 2,500 people through the arena doors, the Fidler family reunion brought over 500 descendants to town, and the Agricultural Society "participated in a big way," with her only disappointment being that the County of St. Paul was the only municipality along the 200 km route of the Great Canadian Wagon Train that did not offer any welcome or greetings to the cavalcade.

1997

A huge group of Peter Fidler's descendants held a reunion on the Heritage Day weekend, with special guests including Mary Fidler of Bolsover, Derbyshire, England, Fidler's birthplace, "the grandfather of Métis genealogy," Charles Denny, and genealogists Gail Morin of Elm City, WA and Geoff Burtonshaw of Calgary, but sadly without the family's "adopted" member Louis Verhagen, whose failing health did not allow him to attend. Buddy Bensmiller won the World Professional Chuckwagon Championship, although he crossed the line behind six-time champion Kelly Sutherland, after Sutherland received a four-second penalty.

2002

Lakeland Regional Health Authority was hoping for improved odds as they submitted another deficit budget to Health and Wellness Minister Gary Mar instead of closing facilities, hoping to gain approval with new ideas, including an aggressive anti-smoking campaign to have people stay in the Lakeland for care, and clarified numbers. Farmers on the County of St. Paul Ag Service Board tour learned about alternative and specialty crops, despite the severe drought that plagued the area.

2007

The 2003 Midget Provincial-winning Elk Point Sox came home to give the Cold Lake Cardinals some competition in a game so entertaining that the crowd filled the stands at Bassett Field. Four custom homes, ranging in size from 1,275 to 1,500 square feet, were going up on Centennial Drive, where builder Shane Germain "jumped in without streets and services" to get the homes on stream for eager buyers.



GUEST COLUMN

Family vacations

Now that summer vacation for our school students is almost half over, what experiences have you had with the family on road trips? At one time, the road trip was the planned family vacation. Actually, the traditional family road trip is on the decline. During the 1960s and '70s, the Golden Age of the family road trip, parents loaded kids in the station wagon, rolled down the windows and set off across Canada. They would be gone for weeks at a time, camping, exploring national parks and getting righteously sunburned. Sometimes they spent an entire summer lakeside.

This was not just a luxury for the affluent. But no one seems to have time for such luxuries these days. A family trip means a destination vacation, a quick jaunt by plane to theme parks or historic sites. There is a benefit to those types of vacations, but it can be said, we're missing out on key family experiences when we remove the family road trip. Now the argument comes!

What possible benefits are there in a family road trip? 1. An appreciation for distance. (Noting the time it takes to go from one place to another place.) 2. An appreciation for topography. (Noting change of scenery) 3. Time together. (The opportunity to exercise patience, love and understanding while everyone is in close quarters in the vehicle can be a challenge.) 4. A sense of adventure and spontaneity. (The opportunity to stop and see something you haven't seen before.) And the last point - 5. A fresh perspective upon returning from the road trip is valuable. (After the vacation, coming home becomes a new, appreciated experience.) In today's world, some of your comments might be of course there is a demise of family road trips, families don't have the time to do this - plain and simple! Besides, it there is a planned road trip; the kids are expecting to be entertained by watching DVD or playing some kind of game on the iPad or iPhone. This brings up another problem.

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EASTHOPE

from the FCSS desk

Magic happened the first time Wall Street Journal technology reporter Ben Worthen let his 2-year-old son use an iPad. During all five hours of a cross-country flight, the child happily immersed himself in the iPad via age-appropriate content such as kids' games, an app for drawing and "Curious George" cartoons. Indeed, the boy intuitively grasped how to operate the device that Worthen had borrowed for his son to use on the plane. Worthen and his wife eventually bought their own iPad, and shortly thereafter they noticed their son's awareness of and interest in letters increase as the boy played word games and puzzles on the touch-screen tablet. And in a pinch, the iPad was always ready to step in as a de facto baby sitter. But the Worthens also observed a darker side to their son's iPad usage: he fixated on the screen so intensely that he wouldn't respond when his parents called his name, and the boy whined incessantly when asked to put the iPad away.

Does this story sound familiar with children in your family? Psychologist Gregory Jantz, author of "Hooked: The Pitfalls of Media, Technology and Social Networking," believes parents should pay attention to how much time their children spend online and "networking," because online interaction may actually hurt their ability to relate in person. "When people abuse drugs and alcohol, they are trying to feel better, yet they are worsening their situation," he said. "We're finding this is also true for those who spend excessive amounts of time on social networking sites. Perhaps the hardest hit from social media addiction is the family unit." But some experts warn that too much monitoring by parents can also harm family relationships. A Pew Research Center study that found two-thirds of parents monitor their children's online activities also noted it's likely to lead to arguments between parent and child. McAfee did a survey with the ways teens hide their online activities. Fifty-three percent of teens clear browser history; 45.9 percent of teens minimize a browser when an adult can see it; 19.5 percent use private browsing; and 19.9 percent manipulate social media privacy settings to block parents.

With our understanding of the possible family problems with iPad, and other technology usage, and since the demise of family road trips, it is obvious it has become a today challenge of what the family vacation looks like in each individual family. What does yours look like?

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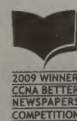
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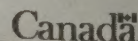
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Local carver shows antlers at Capital Ex

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Local carver Ernie Poitras and his sister, Doreen Poitras of Edmonton, were among the artists featured in the Rhythms of the World gallery at Edmonton's Capital Ex, July 20 to 29.

Ernie's wide selection of finely detailed moose horn carvings and Doreen's exquisite paintings on feathers were part of a series of cultural exhibits showcasing the talents of Métis, First Nations, Chinese, Ukrainian, Italian and Indian artwork and crafts. Ernie's carvings were displayed in lighted cases and were "a big attraction," Doreen said. She and Ernie's wife Marie found the exhibits area quite entertaining,

with a number of interactive displays where they tried their hand at such art forms as Chinese brush painting and painting on glass.

The gallery was part of a celebration of Edmonton's multicultural heritage, and offered a wide variety of entertainment from the six cultures. Dance groups such as Running Thunder and the Yellow Ribbon Troupe, powwow dancers and a number of aboriginal entertainers shared the spotlight with Métis fiddlers, Prince Charles School guitar and fiddle players, Cheremosh and Volya Ukrainian dance troupes, Ukrainian singers and musicians, East Indian dancers in beautiful costumes, Chinese dragon dancers, talented young Italian entertainers

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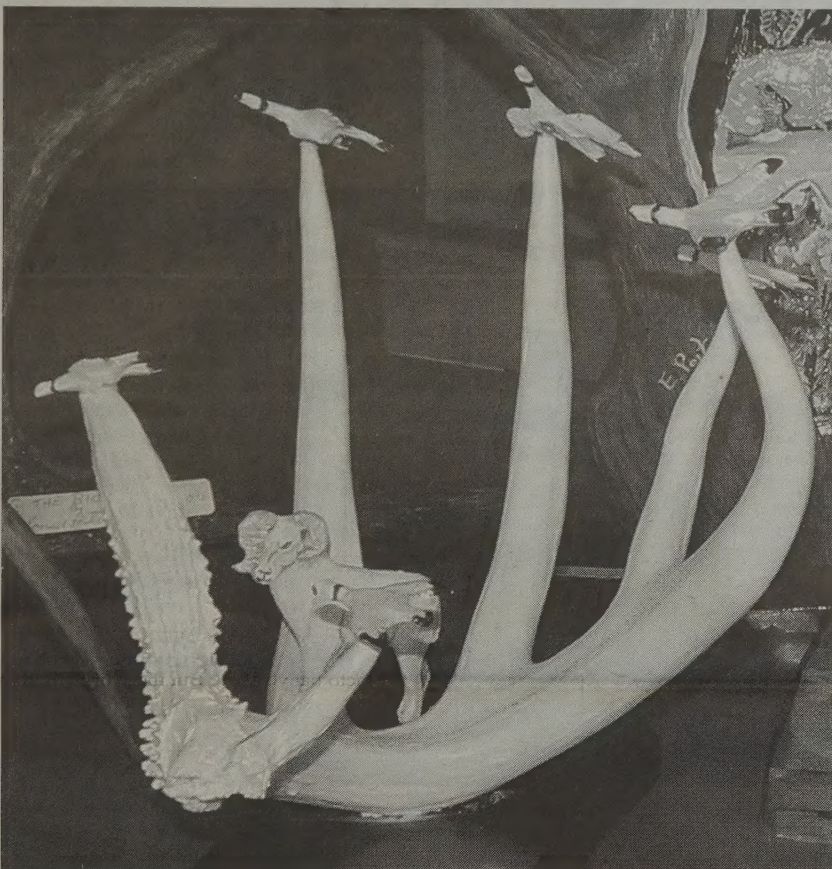
Ernie, who won a pair of bronze medals with his artwork at the Alberta 55+ Summer Games last year, is modest about his craft, saying he "only sold two pieces" during the show. He has been carving for about eight years, and basically got into the craft by accident.

"We were having a golf tournament at a reunion, and he volunteered to get the prizes," Doreen says. "He forgot, and then he had to make something." The first carvings were slices off the butt ends of moose antlers, engraved with a Dremel tool and highlighted with ink. When he ran out of

sliceable material, he decided to use the pan of the antler to do a wolf carving. He's been carving ever since.

Wildlife, from moose, deer and elk to cougars and wolves, are his favourite subjects, but hoses and chuckwagons have also emerged from the antlers under his painstaking efforts. One of his recent carvings features a flock of geese poised for flight on the tips of deer horns. Another is a painted relief carving of a trophy buck on a moose horn, attached to a deer antler.

His carvings have been used as trophies, as unique gifts and as genuine woodland décor by their purchasers, and bring a special touch of the great outdoors wherever they find a home.



Flying geese poised on the tips of deer antlers surround a carved mountain goat, at left, while above are Ernie's current favourite carving of wolves, a relief carving of a trophy buck mounted on a deer antler, and in the background, a magnificent moose and an elk share space on a moose antler pan.

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PREFERENTIAL ACCESS INQUIRY

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Honourable John Z. Vertes, appointed as Commissioner of the Health Services Preferential Access Inquiry, will convene public hearings in **Edmonton on October 15 and 16, 2012** and in **Calgary on October 18 and 19, 2012**.

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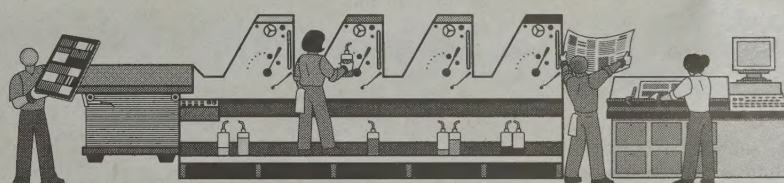
The dates, times and places for the Inquiry's evidentiary hearings will be made public at a later date.

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Megan Proski leans into the turn in a 18.033-second run on her way to the 1D win at the Elk Point ABRA added money jackpot on July 21.

Midsummer barrels, team roping jackpots well attended

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point Agricultural Society Livestock and Fairgrounds Division hosted a very well attended Alberta Barrel Racing Association jackpot and team roping jackpot in their outdoor arena on Saturday, July 21.

Pee wee barrel racers Kennedy Hebert, Macey Marcoux, Kaly Allen, Kalin Galloway, Karson McKenzie and Axy Strzepek each won a pail of goodies for their participa-

tion.

In the Youth barrels division, Spencer Young was first in the 1D, with Carter Balan as runner-up. Walker Balan winning the 2D with Cora Desmeules as runner-up, and Courtney Fletcher topping the 3D, with Bailey Brooks placing second.

Megan Proski won the 1D title in the Open section, with Chastity Schofield placing second. Hanna Sullivan was the winner of the 2D, with Megan Proski second in that group. Jessica Wirsta led the pack

in the 3D, with Loree Fleck second.

All D winners in both Youth and Open sections won a jacket sponsored by the Livestock and Fairgrounds Division, which also sponsored the Pee wee prizes.

Team Roping

When the dust finally settled after an afternoon of team roping, just over 10 3/4 seconds separated the first and sixth place finishers. Scott McDowell and Mark Fletcher stopped the clock in a 55.01 second average on five head to place first. Second through fourth places were less than a half second apart, Ryan Guest and Harold Baldwin placing second with 58.56, Gord Ziegler and Dawson Graham third with 58.91 and Gord Ziegler and Harold Baldwin fourth with 58.96. Roy Anderson and Mark Fletcher came in fifth with 64.97, while the sixth place team, Bill Phipps and Jack Lavalley, averaged 65.76.



Colin Balan was another strong contender in the 1D section, placing second for the day.

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Farmers on the LARA plot tour last Wednesday learned about new varieties and their ability to adapt to the local growing conditions.

Crop tour

(Continued from Page 3)

People are more and more considering pulses, said Walker, adding that people who may not be interested in growing peas might consider fava beans. They may get diseases, but these are only cosmetic and don't affect yields so much. "It's good to try, but don't go great guns," she suggested for people interested in trying pulses.

The participants on the tour then took a drive west of the Town of St. Paul to check out canola varieties.

Janet Montgomery, with LARA, also said this was where the organization got to do some fun trials, where they intentionally did things "wrong," such as seeded too fast, caused intentional spray damage, sowed too deep, or used other questionable methods. People could look at the crops and outcomes and see for themselves what the results were, she said, adding these trials were meant to encourage better management practices.

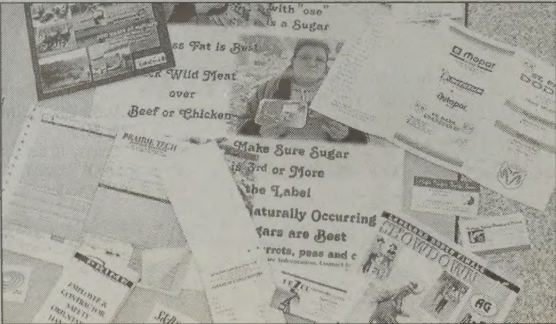
Jim Bessel, a senior agronomy specialist, with the Canola Council of Canada was another speaker to address the crowd. He led the crowd through the rows, and drew their attention to differences between crops.

For instance, those that were seeded more deeply looked like they were showing more stress; crops that were more heavily seeded seemed to be coming along faster than those seeded more lightly.

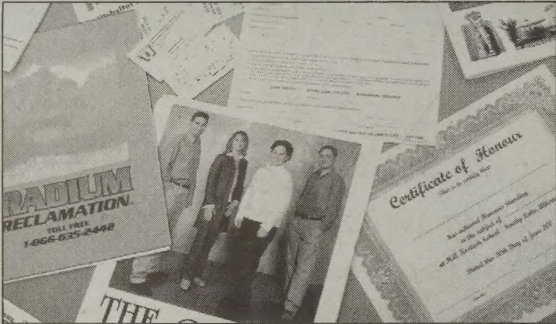
Bessel also pointed out a couple of cases of aster yellows in the field. In Three Hills, there are a number of cases of aster yellows, but unfortunately, there's "not a darn thing" that can be done about it. "It's all caused by a little guy by name of a leaf hopper," he said. This year, three times as many leaf hoppers carry the disease that transmits aster yellows, and there are more of the leaf hoppers than usual that have blown into the province this year. However, when people ask if they need to spray for it, his response is usually, this is not necessary. Aster yellows looks worse than it actually is, and any spraying for it would have to be done in June, which would also wipe out bees and other things that might do more good for the crop than the damage caused by aster yellows, he said.

After speakers' talks and the chance to look firsthand at the crops, participants enjoyed lunch.

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CWB monopoly comes to an end

By KYLE NIGHTINGALE
Review Contributor

Western Canadian farmers will be forced to deal with some changes in the upcoming months.

This past week, beginning on Aug. 1, the Canadian Wheat Board's (CWB) monopoly, a mandatory system used by prairie farmers to market their grains, in use since the 1930s, comes to an end.

Instead of selling wheat and barley at a fixed price to the CWB, farmers in western Canada will now move into an open marketing system where they will be left to market these crops on their own.

The conservative government made the decision in 2011 to abolish the wheat board's monopoly in order to give farmers an opportunity to get a better price for their grains.

Conservative MP for the Westlock - St. Paul area Brian Storseth said the Aug. 1 date represents a step toward a more promising future for those farmers who were previously affected by the monopoly.

"I think (Aug. 1) is a day of celebration for western Canadian farmers," explained Storseth, adding those commodities that were controlled by the board have already gone up in price in anticipation of the move to a free market.

"I think this can (have a) positive impact on farmers. I could quote you tons of reports...that showed literally tens of millions of dollars more in western Canadian farmers pockets with marketing freedom but now is not the time to be talking about theories. It's actually happening and we will look forward to the future."

The CWB, though it's single-desk policy will no longer play a factor in farmers decisions as to where they market their wheat, will still exist as an avenue for which farmers can market their wheat. However, it will no longer consist of a farmer-elected board.

Dean Harder, a Manitoba farmer and Friends of the CWB member, an organization that is pushing the Harper government to retract their decision to abolish the monopoly, said the new wheat board will be problematic in the same way selling to large multinational grain companies is: they don't put farmers first.

"They could put farmers first," said Harder of the old farmer-elected wheat board. "This new wheat board, farmers are at least fourth, because survival is first, then they have to make profits and then they

have to appease the sponsors and then comes the farmers."

"(The farmer-elected wheat board) could really advocate for farmers, because it was mandated in the wheat board act, farmers are first. No company says farmers are first, farmers are before profits, farmers are before shareholders."

Harder was part of a group that took part in an organized protest outside of the CWB's headquarters in Winnipeg, Man. on Aug. 1 to combat the changes made to the board by the Harper government, but irritation with the new changes is not limited to the small protesting group.

Gordon Graves, a farmer from the Bonnyville area, agrees with Harder when it comes to the decisions of the government to abolish the board.

"I think the government screwed up royally. The extra marketing that's available indicates that he was wrong," said Graves, proposing that many farmers will continue to use the CWB to market their wheat instead of on their own. "Farmers don't want to market their own (wheat). What (they) should have done, in my opinion, is kept the farmer-elected board because now we have no say in it."

Graves expressed concern over agriculture as a whole moving to a more corporate structure stating the new changes "plays more in favour of the huge corporate farms and more in favour of the corporations that are going to be doing the selling than it does the individual farmer."

Storseth recognized some producers may have concerns over the changes but said that is normal with any sort of change. He said the ability of farmers to market other commodities that were not overseen by the wheat board proves that they know how to market their products and, as time moves forward, they will see the advantages of doing the same with wheat and barley.

"There are always people that are concerned about change. That's natural and can be very healthy as well, but at the end of the day (they already) market canola or other off board commodities that are already in a competitive market place and do a very good job at it," clarified Storseth. "I think that you will find with...the changes to the Canadian wheat board...and other changes that our government is and is going to make, (it) will help make our system...for our western Canadian farms more productive and they will be better off."

Weather good for crops, bad for road construction

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

For nearly the entire month of July, the weather in the County of St. Paul has seen high humidity, lots of water, and warm temperatures. The weather has mostly been good for producers, but hasn't been so good for this season's road construction.

"It's almost like a greenhouse," says Dennis Bergheim, County of St. Paul Agricultural Fieldman, of this summer's weather. He says that although the haying process has been relatively slow because of the rain, the moisture combined with the heat has resulted in "some really good crops."

There has been some damaging weather with hail hitting parts of the county in July, but the damage has been very "spotty," says Bergheim, adding, "It's kind of the luck of the draw."

Generally speaking, the outlook for this year's crops and forage, so far, looks good.

"August is another month, and we'll see how it goes," says Bergheim, adding, in just a few weeks, producers will be out swathing some of the early crops.

But the humid weather hasn't been good news for crews working on road construction within the county.

"It's definitely been a struggle," said County of St. Paul Public Works Superintendent Leo deMoissac, at last week's public works meeting with council.

There were at least 17 rain days in the month of July, said Ken Warholik,

assistant superintendent, to council. Warholik said it's frustrating to do work, then have that work damaged by heavy trucks travelling on wet roads soon after.

"It's wet, the gravel is dripping," said Warholik.

This season's road construction is running behind schedule because crews have to "work with the weather," said deMoissac.

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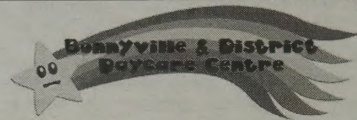
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He added that crews aren't doing anything

different than they have in the past 15 years and it's simply the weather

holding work back. "We're not sitting around," said Warholik,

adding, "If the weather was good, we'd be ahead of the game." Some work has been

done on weekends, but finding staff who will work weekends is hard, heard council. The list

of work that remains to be done this season is still quite long.

Last year, a lot of the oiling was done in the fall, said Warholik

On the plus side, gravelling of roads is going well, said deMoissac, and "at the end of the day, the roads aren't that bad."

Coun. Frank Sloan wondered if instituting a system that would prioritize roads might help with getting work done in the areas that are travelled more than roads that are simply used to access pastures.

"It's really hard to treat these roads differently," said deMoissac,

adding one road could be a school bus route, while the next has a senior living along it.

And while crews try to catch up with work, council is considering suspending private gravel sales, or increasing the price of gravel. According to information handed out at the public works meeting, a total of 16,784 yards of gravel had been delivered as of July 27 and 4,655 yards had yet to be delivered.

"This is a non-renewable resource," said Sloan, adding council needs to consider bringing the cost up to slow things down.

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